

Joan Murray Ministries

RECONNECTING TO THE HEART OF GOD

“A Dedicated Heart”

Week 3

TOPIC: We will study what dedication is and how to dedicate our hearts and our whole life to Christ

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Luke 6:38

I Chronicles 29:11-13

Leviticus 8:10, 12, 23-24, 30

Haggai 1:3-7

Psalm 112:5-9

- I. **Dedication means:**
 - a. To show devotion
 - b. To consecrate oneself
 - c. To give
 - d. To be honorable
 - e. To be considerate
 - f. To show favor

- II. **Showing Devotion (Galatians 2:20)**
 - a. Our first act of devotion is to let go of self.
 - b. It is to acknowledge that there is One who is greater and must be enthroned in our life.
 - c. We must acknowledge that Christ Himself is now living in us.
 - d. We must acknowledge that Christ’s love for us causes us to be devoted to His plans and His way.
 - e. We must acknowledge that it is now Christ who gives us faith to live as a son or daughter of King.

- III. **Our Consecration (Leviticus 8:10-12; 23-24; 30)**
 - a. When we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He came in and consecrated our lives to Him.
 - b. By this consecration He has blessed, sanctified and sealed us for service to Him.

- c. Jesus has set us apart to be holy and useable to Him.
- d. Let's go on a journey in the book of Leviticus to see what consecration meant.
favor will cause you to increase so that you can be a blessing.
- e. Stephen experienced the favor of God because he favored others

IV. GIVING (Luke 6:38)

- a. To be dedicated means that you have a heart to give.
- b. Dedication cannot be manifested without someone giving of himself or herself.
- c. Luke 6:38 clearly states the reason we give:
 - 1. Give and it will be given to you. God uses our giving to bless and prosper us.
 - 1. Give your time, give your love, give your help, give your finances and your prayers; and whatever you give it is a promise that God will return it to you.
 - 2. He will return it in a good measure that is in great quantity.

V. TO BE HONORABLE (I Chronicles 29:11-13)

- a. Dedication and honor goes hand in hand because they speak of honorable intentions and an honorable heart.
- b. To be honorable is to be full of integrity.
- c. It is to be respected and to be respectful.
- d. To be honorable we must first understand to Whom honor is due.

VI. TO BE CONSIDERATE (Haggai 1:3-7)

- a. Consideration requires a deliberate act from us.
- b. When we are considerate we have a heart to esteem others highly.
- c. Consideration speaks of a person who is willing to say yes to the needs of others.
- d. Consideration begins in the heart of an individual.

VII. SHOWING FAVOR (Psalm 112:5-9)

- a. Many of us desire to experience the favor of God and favor from people.
- b. To experience favor we must first show good will to others.
- c. We must take an interest in those around us.
- d. Favor comes when we give of ourselves and serve others.
- e. Favor shown will bring:
 - ☐ a shield of protection to your life;
 - ☐ favor will open doors for you;
 - ☐ favor will give you preferential treatment;
 - ☐ it will bring you promotion and increase;
 - ☐ you will have victory in your circumstances;
 - ☐ favor will bring breakthroughs to your life;
 - ☐ favor will bring you abundance; and